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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND VICE PRESIDENT GOICO RENOMINATED
FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEAR TERM

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 4911

1. AT THE REFORMIST PARTY'S (PR) NATIONAL CONVENTION WHICH WAS HELD IN SANTO DOMINGO TODAY (MARCH 28), INCUMBENT PRESIDENT JOAQUIN BALAGUER AND INCUMBENT VICE PRESIDENT CARLOS RAFAEL GOICO MORALES WERE OFFICIALLY RENOMINATED AS THE PARTY'S STANDARD BEARERS FOR THE MAY 16 ELECTIONS. ALTHOUGH BALAGUER WAS UNOFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BY A PR SPECIAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LAST DECEMBER 1, TODAY'S ACTION MAKES HIM THE OFFICIAL PARTY CANDIDATE. VICE PRESIDENT GOICO'S RENOMINATION, WHILE NOT ENTIRELY A SURPRISE, WAS UNKNOWN UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT WHEN THE PRESIDENT APPARENTLY SELECTED HIM OVER HIS CLOSEST RIVAL, EDUCATION SECRETARY ALTAGRACIA BAUTISTA DE SUAREZ.

2. THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT (MNJ) HEADED BY FONSEC VICTOR GOMEZ BERGES ALSO MET IN THE CAPITAL ON MARCH 28 AND VOTED TO NOMINATE BALAGUER AND GOICO AS THAT PARTY'S CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT RESPECTIVELY.

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3. BOTH PARTIES MUST NOW SUBMIT THEIR LISTS OF CANDIDATES

TO THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD (JCE) FOR APPROVAL PRIOR
TO MIDNIGHT MARCH 31.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH OFFICIALLY NOMINATED, PRESIDENT
BALAGUER HAS NOT FORMALLY ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION. IT
IS EXPECTED THAT HE WILL DO SO IN A SPEECH HE IS
SCHEDULED TO MAKE IN SANTIAGO ON MARCH 30.
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